

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23532

The purpose of this legislation is to require Idaho students, as a condition for graduation, to pass a test on 100 basic facts of United States history and civics taken from the United State Citizenship Civics Test – the same test that all immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship must pass. This legislation allows individual schools to administer the test in a way the school deems as adequate to ensure that the requirements are followed. Students may take the test any time after enrolling in grade seven and may repeat the test as many times as necessary to pass the test. This legislation is a first step to ensure that all students are taught basic civics, how our government works, and who we are as a nation – things that every Idaho student should understand to be ready for active and engaged citizenship.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no fiscal impact to the general fund.

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